

REMARKS

Cancellation of Claims

Claims 1-9 are cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant takes this action merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these cancelled claims in a continuing or divisional application, if Applicant so chooses.

Amendment of Claim 18

Claim 18 is amended to correct the indefinite article to the word cation in the fourth line.

CONCLUSION

In light of the cancellation of claims 1-9, Applicant requests early allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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